Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego recently selected Nancy Maldonado as its inaugural Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer (CDIO). In this role, Nancy will be a key leader in providing institutional vision and setting strategic direction to advance diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) across the health system. She will work with leaders and the DEI Council to advance equity for all members of Team Rady, patients, families, and the communities we serve.

Before joining Rady Children’s, Nancy served as President and CEO of the Chicano Federation of San Diego County. In this position, she led regional and state policy actions, and raised awareness of issues around diversity, equity and inclusion through seminars, reports and media. She pioneered multiple new programs and services while earning numerous awards including California State Assembly Nonprofit of the Year. Nancy has a proven track record as a DEI leader with demonstrated results as a change agent, specializing in strategic planning, program management, community outreach, coalition building and partnership development.

Nancy has been recognized as one of San Diego’s Inspirational Women in San Diego Magazine, Business Woman of the Year in the San Diego Business Journal, and numerous other awards and accolades.

Please join us in welcoming Nancy to Team Rady.

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Layton Construction is thrilled to announce the addition of Caitlin Sly to their San Diego team. Caitlin has spent the past five years immersed in the Southern California market, gaining industry experience with a prominent MEP firm. As she transitions to business development manager for Layton, Caitlin is well-connected and well-positioned for success. She brings to Layton her healthcare and higher education experience—two specialties Layton is known for nationwide. Caitlin has always been drawn to the San Diego community. She has a knack for public relations and enjoys working within Southern California. She’s eager to begin utilizing this expertise and her knowledge of the San Diego market to make Layton the No. 1 General Contractor in Southern California.

As a company, Layton actively practices their motto “Constructing with Integrity.” This value resonates with Caitlin, who believes true success is gained by operating with integrity and good morals. This is what makes Layton stand out, and what Caitlin believes will be the key to growth in Southern California.

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**LEGAL**

Promotion

Achraf Farraj has been promoted to counsel at Latham & Watkins LLP in San Diego, effective January 1. He is a member of the Real Estate Practice and Corporate Department who advises clients on real estate and finance transactions, including property acquisitions and dispositions, secured lending, joint ventures, commercial leasing, and energy and hospitality industry project development and financing.

Steven Lesan has been elected a partner at Latham & Watkins LLP in San Diego, effective January 1. A member of the Complex Commercial Litigation Practice and Litigation & Trial Department, he represents policyholders in insurance coverage and bad-faith disputes involving environmental, property, casualty, investment, professional liability, privacy, and cyber matters.

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Added Leon Guerrero, “I am excited about bringing our small and medium-sized business and online banking services to San Diego. I’ve found the markets similar to the Bay Area and potential customers are very interested in learning our unique story and what we can provide them.”

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